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# New Student Affairs Coordinators Aim to Connect Students

By Greg Kyriakakis  
NSU News Editor

As NSU continues to expand its satellite campuses, new Student Affairs Coordinators have been hired at the West Palm Beach, Kendall and Las Vegas Student Educational Centers to establish a sense of community. These new employees, in addition to current coordinators, will help foster student relationships in environments far from the main campus that have traditionally focused solely on education.

"At the centers, the students had been served only academically. They need other services also," said Lisa Satz, Assistant Director for Student Activities and Leadership Development. She explained that graduate assistant positions had been established to get students involved and were approved in July for full time positions.

In West Palm Beach, new Student Affairs Coordinator Carola Wangeci hopes to continue to outreach by hosting "blood drives, student appreciation days, and communicating with the main

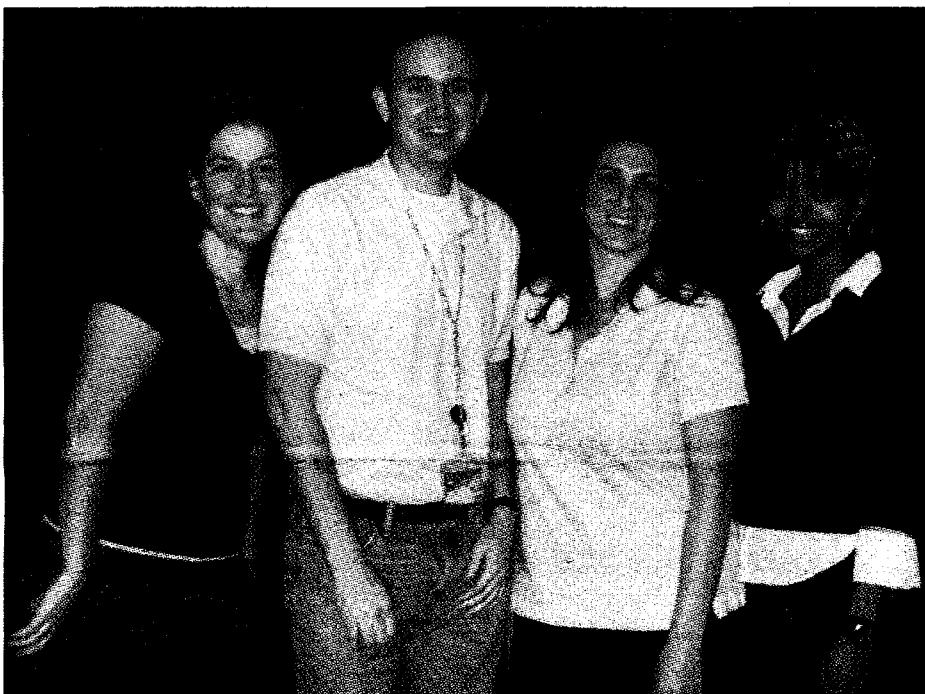


Photo by AKSHAT BHARGAVA/The Current

From left to right: Sarah Tillery, Chip Turner, Lisa Satz and Carola Wangeci.

campus so students can connect."

Chip Turner, Coordinator for Orlando Student Affairs, said that he hopes to get students involved by creating events on campus. "It's a real challenge to get them to feel connected," he said. Since a class may meet only once a week, Turner explained that having special events such as cookouts and family days

during the week helps students to remain connected.

Creating student governments in the remote locations was part of the process of getting students active. All of the locations, except for Las Vegas, have Student Government

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# NSU's Identity and Mascot Come to Life

By Tanya Parnes  
Staff Writer

The most recent edition to NSU's University Center is the new Guy Harvey mural running the length of wall adjacent to the Flight Deck. Guy Harvey, a scientist and artist, who has traveled the world studying different kinds of marine wildlife and habits, has lent some of his talent to NSU. The wall is covered with a variety of sharks and sea life swimming through an ocean.

Harvey has been affiliated with NSU for many years. In 1999 he teamed up with the Oceanographic Center in order to create a non-profit Marine Research center which became known as the Guy Harvey Research Institute. This Institute specializes in the research and conservation of sharks and offers several Master's courses for NSU's graduate students.

Gabriela Vignolo, Director of Marketing Communications, said that NSU asked Guy Harvey to be involved in the design of its new mascot, the shark, because of his longstanding relationship with the university. "The great thing about

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# Former NSU Golfer Amanda Brown Named Women's Golf Team Assistant Coach

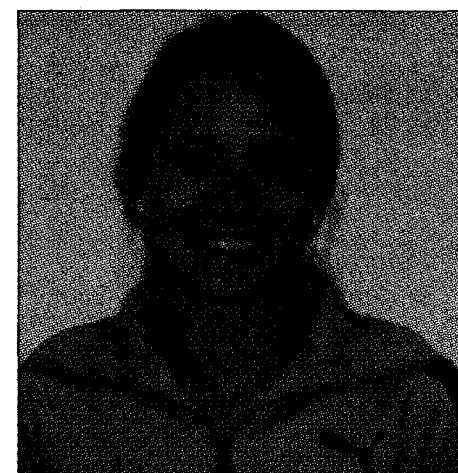
By Alicia Winslett  
Sports Editor

On Jan. 9, Amanda Brown was named the new Assistant women's golf coach. Brown was a former golfer on the NSU women's golf team. For the past two years she has worked hard and became a Master Instructor at the Jim McLean Golf Academy in Weston, Florida. Brown comes to

the NSU golf team with professional knowledge in the game and can help all the players shape up their game.

During her time at NSU, she was one of the top golfers. Brown was named an All-American Scholar-Athlete by the National Golf Coaches Academy in 2003 and 2004. Freshman year she was named an NAIA All-American. At

the Stuey's her senior year she was named "Female Athlete of the Year". Other honors also include individual titles to her name during her four years. One win was at the NSU Spring Classic at Chateau Elan Golf Resort in Braselton, Georgia. Her second win was at the Lady Falcon Invitational in Daytona Beach.



Amanda Brown  
Photo courtesy The Current

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Associations already in place.

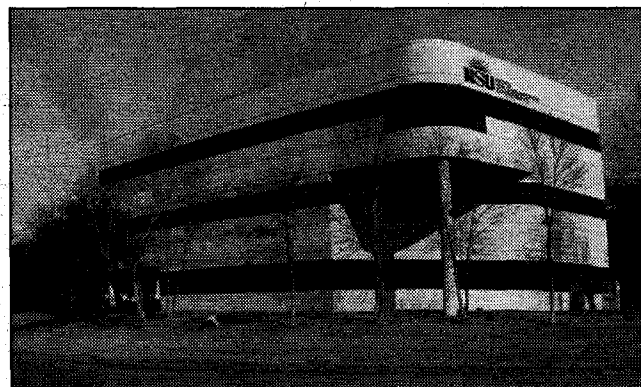
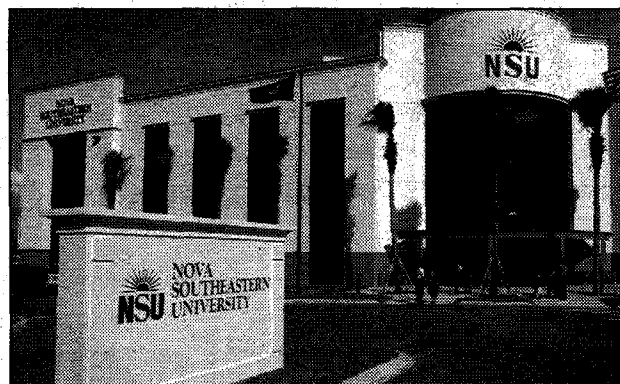
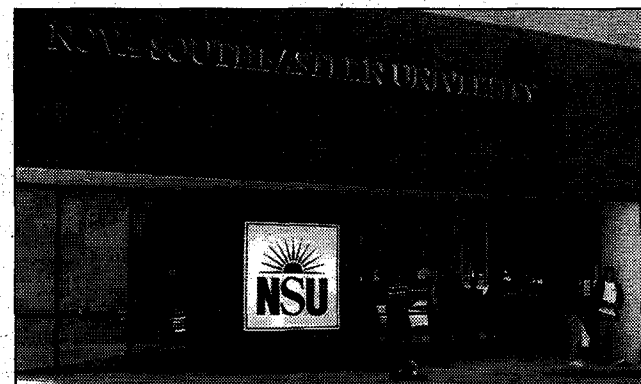
Though the Bahamas and Jamaica locations do not yet have student affairs divisions, Satz said that they are “on our radar.” She feels “in the years to come there will be more focus on these sites.”

Part of the involvement process includes finding ways for remote students to attend major main campus events, such as this year’s CommunityFest and future homecomings. Though fifty remote students attended the first CommunityFest, the number had dwindled to thirty-five last year. According to Satz, “we hope to have more this year.”

While plans are being made to have students come to the main campus, Satz said that the prospect of having Davie students visit other locations “hasn’t really been explored.”

Of the sites, those in Kendall, West Palm Beach, Orlando, and Las Vegas have been staffed with a Student Affairs Coordinator. The Tampa and Jacksonville coordinator positions remain unfilled.

Those with questions about becoming involved at their campus can contact Satz through e-mail at [satz@nova.edu](mailto:satz@nova.edu) or at 800-541-6682, ext. 7254.

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## Current Affairs Calendar

**Monday:**

University Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

**Tuesday:**

**Unity Week Event:** Take Back the Night, 7pm @ Goodwin

**Wednesday:**

**Unity Week Event:** Hunger Banquet, 7pm @ Goodwin

Post-Basketball Game Party, 9pm-12am @ Flight Deck

**Thursday:**

Quad Thursday/Cultural Taste of NSU  
10:30am – 1pm @ Flight Deck Patio

**Unity Week Event:** Interfaith Dialogues  
7pm @ Rosenthal Student Lounge

**Friday:**

Patty Sale, 12pm-2pm @ Parker Bldg.

**Unity Week Event:** Wall of Hate, 12pm-1pm @ Library Quad

**Saturday/Sunday:**

Performing Arts Grant Auditions Begin, Saturday

**Unity Week Event:** NSU Diversity Summit  
Saturday, 10am-3:30pm @ Business School Atrium

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## NSU's Unity Week

### Exploring Diversity and Uniting the Campus

By Jany Cabezas  
Staff Writer

Beginning on Monday, Jan. 15, NSU will be hosting Unity Week where several activities and events will take place with a focus in three specialized themes: Peace, Tolerance and Diversity.

The Pan African Student Association (PASA) will be hosting a parade at 8 a.m. on Monday that will honor Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. All interested and planning to attend will meet up in the front of the University Center.

Tuesday, the Fifth Annual "Take Back the Night" will begin at 7 p.m. This event will focus on awareness, acknowledgement, and prevention of sexual and domestic violence against women. A lecture, along with several activities, will take place during this night.

Wednesday will see a Hunger Banquet taking place at 7 p.m. behind

the Goodwin Residence Hall. All participants will receive a card that will assign them as a member of any three world classes. According to the card, first, second, or third world designations will determine what type of meal and level of comfort the participants will experience.

Thursday, diversity will be the theme as represented by The Cultural Taste of NSU. This will take place at Quad Thursday from 11:30-1:00 p.m. at the University Center Flight Deck. Food from various cultures will be served and ethnic music will establish the atmosphere of appreciation for diversity. Thursday evening, the Interfaith Dialogues will occur at 7 p.m. in the Rosenthal Student Lounge. During this event many religions will be explored in an open forum style and represented by multiple representatives of their

respective cultures.

On Friday, Jan. 19, "The Wall of Hate" located near the front of the Alvin Sherman Library will be torn down at 12 p.m. This popular event will consist of a ceremony and the symbolic destruction of the Wall of Hate – a loathsome cinderblock behemoth that represents the shameful discrimination and intolerance of various ethnicities. The event is meant to show how discrimination and the existence of hate can be overcome through each person everywhere.

Finally, on Saturday, the Second Annual Diversity Summit will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the DeSantis Building Atrium. The Diversity Summit features various speakers and activities happening all day in which diversity issues will be recognized and discussed.

## Crime Scenes at NSU: The Forensic Science Symposium

By Michael Bergbauer  
Current Affairs Editor

On Jan. 19 and 20, NSU will host the annual Forensics Science Symposium at the HPD Steele Auditorium which will feature several presentations, workshops and keynote speaker Dayle Hinman.

Hinman is a renowned criminal profiler and homicide investigator whose career spanned over 26 years as a law enforcement officer in the Florida. Although retired from law enforcement, she is currently host of Court TV's "Body of Evidence: From the Case Files of Dayle Hinman," which is in its seventh season.

In addition to the keynote speaker, there will be several presentations, including An Overview of Forensic Dentistry, Basic Fire Scene Investigation, a Detector Dog Demonstration and more. Attendees will also be able to take part in workshops such as Basic Blood Stain Pattern Recognition, Introduction to the Field of Forensic Document Examinations and Basics of a Forensic DNA Analysis.

To attend the conference on Jan. 20, attendees must register. Costs are \$30.00 for students and \$40.00 for non-students. However, a \$10 discount will be issued for those who register before Jan. 15. NSU students who register with Dr. Vic Shanbhag need only pay \$10 to participate in the conference. A \$20 registration fee is also required to attend the workshops.

Registration forms and instructions can be found at <http://www.nova.edu/~chemist/forensic07/forindex.htm>. Shanbhag can be contacted by phone at 954-262-8331 or via e-mail at [shanbhag@nsu.nova.edu](mailto:shanbhag@nsu.nova.edu). No charge will be issued for attending the keynote speech and additional events on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

For the full list and scheduling of events, directions or other general questions, visit <http://www.nova.edu/~chemist/forensic07/forindex.html> for more information.



**Keynote Speaker**  
**Dayle Hinman**

## MURAL

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the mural is that it kind of builds awareness of the Guy Harvey Research Institute that is here on campus," she said. This is the largest mural that Harvey has created and she is pleased that it is featured here at NSU. "I think it's important for universities to offer art in public places," she said. "Not only are the sharks our mascots, but we promote the conservation of them as well through our research."

Dave Dawson, Executive Director of University Relations, is also excited about the new painting. "To me, it takes an incredibly interesting building and adds personality to it," he said. He had been discussing several new ideas for the shark mascot with Michael Mominey, the Director of Athletics. Dawson added that Harvey was a world renowned scientist and marine biologist who had personal ties to NSU, and decided to invite him to be a part of NSU's new logo design. "There is a tie between science and oceanography, and our mascot."

Mominey had initially planned to commission an original piece of artwork from Harvey. However, the idea quickly developed into something greater. After discussing the various possibilities they decided to create this large mural that would hang in the UC. "This makes this building ours," said Dawson. "It makes it so distinctive and there is nothing else like it. This is arguably his signature piece."

The mural took about a week and a half to create and then placed on the wall. Jordan Morgan, Project Manager of Construction, said that the process went very smoothly without any bumps along the way. The painting was drawn



Photo by MIKE PALOZZOLA/The Current

### The UC now features a mural, which runs the length of wall adjacent to the Flight Deck, done by renown artist and scientist Guy

on one kind of material and then attached to another material called 3M fabric. The large piece of fabric was hung on the wall and Harvey added his final touches after that. "It's a wonderful addition to such a perfectly thought out building," said Morgan.

The university is still continuing to build and expand upon the UC. Tom Vittuci, Director of Campus Recreation, said that NSU has completed Phase One for the UC, which was to open the RecPlex and the Arena to all of the university students. He said that not all of their plans to design the interior of the building have been finished. "People need to understand that when we're talking about the University Center, the concept was not to have everything open and ready on the first day," he said. "With us trying to change to the sharks, as well as having a good relationship with Guy Harvey, this mural was just a value added thing that they thought would be good."

Several students have stopped to admire this new artwork as well. Antoinette Chisholm, a Masters student, said that she enjoyed looking at the mural. "It's almost life-like. The fact that it's done on such an expanse

kind of draws you into it."

Katy Beth Twist-Harty, a junior student, also liked the piece. "It seems to glow and encompass the theme of the NSU shark mascot."

Jameika Harvey said that he appreciated this artwork. "It reminds me of home because I'm from the Turks and Caicos Islands of the Caribbean."

Not all of NSU's students were pleased with this mural however. Shurelle Burton, a sophomore student, said "I think it's different, but I also think that it could have more sharks in it."

Zia Ansari, a freshman student said that this painting was not up to standards at all. "I'm disappointed because up there all you see is sharks. You don't see the coral on the bottom because they cut it off," he said. He feels that it looks like wallpaper was attached to the wall. He does not think that it looks like an official Guy Harvey painting.

The new mural is generally a welcome addition to NSU's main campus and has given the administration, faculty and students some hope for what lies ahead for NSU's future.

NSU's Sports Stats of the Week

Men's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Lynn	3	0	1.000	11	3	.786
Nova Southeastern	3	1	.750	8	5	.615
Rollins	2	1	.667	11	3	.786
Barry	2	1	.667	10	3	.769
Eckerd	2	2	.500	11	3	.786
Saint Leo	1	2	.333	7	6	.538
Tampa	1	3	.250	8	7	.533
Florida Southern	1	3	.250	5	8	.385
Florida Tech	1	3	.250	5	11	.313

Women's Basketball

SSC STANDINGS						
	SSC			OVERALL		
	W	L	PCT	W	L	PCT
Rollins	3	0	1.000	11	2	.846
Barry	3	0	1.000	7	5	.583
Florida Tech	3	1	.750	11	3	.786
Lynn	2	1	.667	10	3	.769
Tampa	2	2	.500	9	5	.643
Nova Southeastern	2	2	.500	3	11	.214
Saint Leo	1	2	.333	3	10	.231
Florida Southern	0	4	.000	5	9	.357
Eckerd	0	4	.000	4	10	.286

Upcoming Games

Women's Basketball

Wednesday January 17 at 7:30 p.m.  
- Home game against Lynn University  
  
Saturday January 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
- Home game against Florida Tech

Men's Basketball

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- Home game against Lynn University  
  
Saturday January 20 at 7:30 p.m.  
- Home game against Florida Tech

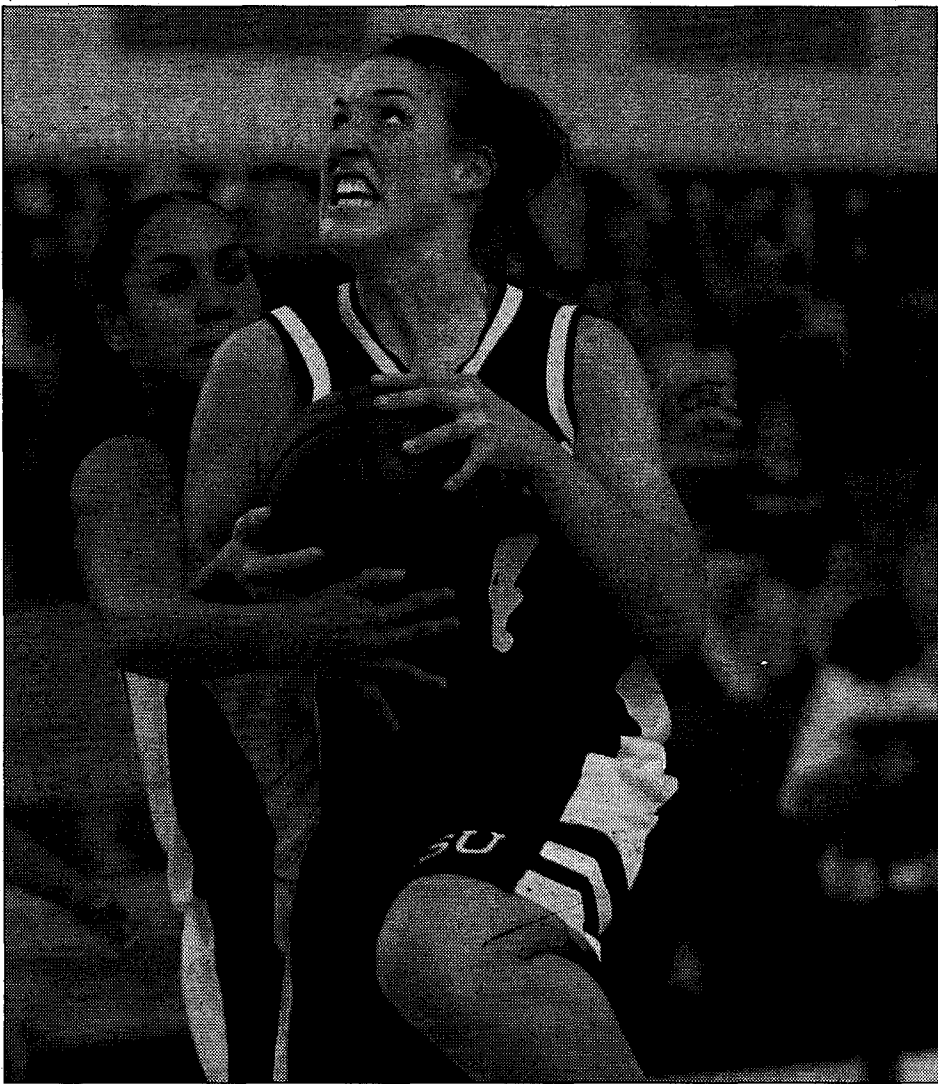


Photo courtesy Gary Curreri

Jennifer Havens takes the ball up for a lay up through a defender.

Men's & Women's Basketball Take on Barry University

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

This past week was important for NSU basketball as both the men's and women's teams took on conference rival Barry University. With the hopes of generating a large crowd, the NSU Student Government Association and Greek Life got together to promote a fun and eventful tailgating party prior to the games. On the evening of Jan. 10 the Shark Tank was crawling with Finatics.

"The Shark Tank was swarming tonight," said [unclear] moving [unclear]

incredible defense along with tacking on 14 points to the Shark's score.

Senior Donovan Redden contributed to the outstanding Sharks offense with 12 points of his own, while sophomore Tim Coenraad registered 17 points including a clutch three-pointer with less than half a second left to put the game out of reach for the Buccaneers.

"It was an amazing win for the team because Barry is a great, hard working defense team. Beating them was a huge accomplishment," said [unclear] "The team is really moving forward and we're back in action."

the SSC poll... This win bumped the Sharks back into the second place slot in the SSC polls. Senior Diego Aguiar displayed

Parries enthusiasm... a boost and made us want harder... we never want to dis them."



# Men & Women's Basketball Break Wrap Up

By Nelly Mesa  
Staff Writer

While students were home for the holiday break, the NSU men and women's basketball teams were still on campus working hard to be the best they can be this 2006-2007 season in hopes of reaching the post season.

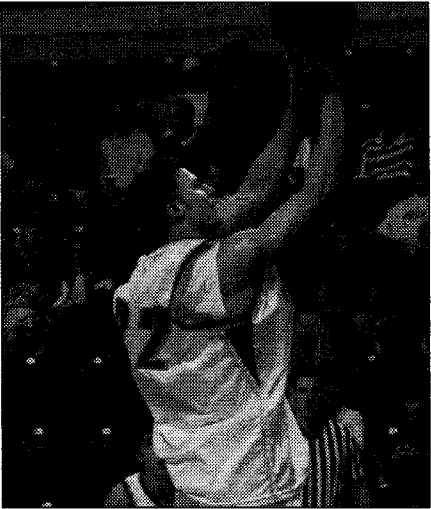
The men's team (7-5, 2-1 SSC) were involved in six games, taking the split with three wins and losses. Amongst the wins were victories against The University of West Florida, 91-69, McMaster Canada University on New Year's Day, 74-59, and conference rivals of Florida Southern College, 76-72.

In what was an extremely close match against Florida Southern, sophomore Josh Wood made an

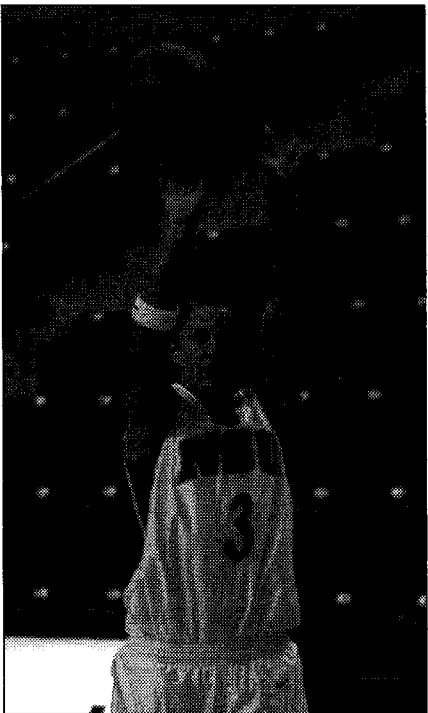
incredible three-point shot to put that shut out a victory for the Moccasins.

The women's basketball team (3-10, 2-1 SSC) was involved in games of their own, unfortunately coming out with a single, yet important win against Florida Southern College, 68-57. Regardless of the losses, senior Jennifer Havens played outstanding game. Scoring in the double digits in six of the seven games played, Havens had a total of 86 collective points over the break.

"On the court we are all equal, and when you are spending about seven hours a day together, plus long road trips, you become a big family," said junior Tia Evenson. "That's what we are."



Photos courtesy NSU Sports Information  
**Tim Coenraad (above) takes a jump shot. Mechelle Jones (right) shoots from the 3-point line.**



## Professional Sports Bites

### Miami's Basketball

January

3	L vs. LA Clippers	95-110
5	L at Phoenix	80-108
7	W at Portland	93-90
10	at Seattle	10:00 PM
12	at Golden State	10:30 PM
13	at Utah	9:00 PM
15	at LA Lakers	10:00 PM
18	vs. Indiana	7:00 PM
19	at Philadelphia	7:00 PM
21	vs. Dallas	1:00 PM
22	vs. New York	7:30 PM
24	at Indiana	7:00 PM
26	at New York	7:30 PM
27	at Chicago	8:30 PM
30	vs. Milwaukee	7:30 PM

February

1	vs. Cleveland	8:00 PM
3	at Milwaukee	8:30 PM
5	vs. Charlotte	7:30 PM
7	at Boston	7:30 PM
9	at Cleveland	8:00 PM
11	vs. San Antonio	1:00 PM
13	vs. Portland	7:30 PM
21	at Houston	9:00 PM
22	at Dallas	9:30 PM
25	vs. Cleveland	3:30 PM
26	at New York	7:30 PM
28	at Washington	7:00 PM

### Miami Dolphins

On January 5 2006, Jason Taylor, Miami Dolphins defensive end was selected as the NFL's top defensive player. The Associated Press voted on this issue. Taylor has been with the Dolphins for ten years and has earned Pro Bowl honors for the fifth time in his time with the team. Miami's defense is fourth-ranked overall. On CBS4.com, they said, "Taylor received 22 votes from the media panel to outdistance Denver cornerback Champ Bailey, who received 16 votes. San Diego linebacker Shawne Merriman, who missed four games for violating the league's steroids policy, garnered six votes to finish third in the balloting." Dick Anderson and Doug Betters for the Miami Dolphins received the top fensive honors in 1973 and 1983 respectively.

### Professional Baseball- MLB

On January 10 2007, Cal Ripken Jr. and Tony Gwynn were elected into the Baseball Hall of Fame. Ripken has already been a two-time Most Valuable Player and Gwynn is an eight-time batting champion. From CBS.com, "Eligible candidates needed to be named on 75 percent of the record 545 ballots submitted by members of the Baseball Writers' Association of America. Ripken received 98.5 percent of the vote, while Gwynn was selected on 97.6 percent of the ballots, two of which were blank." On July 29, Ripken and Gwynn will be inducted into the Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York.

### 2006 Wrap Up Final 2006 NFC Statistics - Top Single Game Performances

<b>Most Points</b>
24, Bush, NOS vs. SFX, 12/3
24, Jackson, STL at MIN, 12/31
<b>Passing Yards</b>
510, Brees, NOS vs. CIN, 11/19
<b>Longest Pass</b>
89, Feeley, PHI vs. ATL, 12/31
<b>Passing Touchdowns</b>
5, (3 times in Non-Overtime Games)
<b>Rushing Yards</b>
234, Barber, NYG at WAS, 12/30
<b>Rushing Attempts</b>
40, Alexander, SEA vs. GBP, 11/27
<b>Longest Rush</b>
95, C. Taylor, MIN at SEA, 10/22
<b>Receptions</b>
13, S. Jackson, STL vs. KAN, 11/5
<b>Receiving Yards</b>
191, Driver, GBP at MIN, 11/12
<b>Kickoff Return Yards</b>
225, Hester, CHI at STL, 12/11
225, Be. Johnson, MIN vs. STL, 12/31
<b>Kickoff Returns</b>
9, Hicks, SFX vs. SDC, 10/15
<b>Longest Kickoff Return</b>
100, Cartwright, WAS at DAL, 9/17
<b>Punt Return Yards</b>
152, Hester, CHI at ARI, 10/16
<b>Punt Returns</b>
7, Jones, TAM at CHI, 12/17 (OT)
<b>Punt Returns</b>
7, Woodson, GBP vs. MIN, 12/21
<b>Longest Punt Return</b>
90, Burleson, SEA vs. STL, 11/12
<b>Interceptions</b>
3, W. Harris, SFX vs. OAK, 10/8
<b>Longest Interception Return</b>
102, Sheppard, PHI vs. DAL, 10/8
<b>Sacks</b>
3.0, Peppers, CAR at MIN, 9/17 (OT)
<b>Sacks</b>
3.0, (10 times in Non-Overtime Games)
<b>Scrimmage Yards</b>
258, Barber, NYG at WAS, 12/30
<b>Longest Punt</b>
75, McBriar, DAL vs. HOU, 10/15
<b>Punts</b>
11, Bidwell, TAM at CHI, 12/17 (OT)
<b>Punts</b>
10, Ryan, GBP vs. NEP, 11/19
10, Kluwe, MIN at GBP, 12/21
<b>Field Goals Made</b>
6, Wilkins, STL vs. DEN, 9/10
<b>Longest Field Goal</b>
62, M. Bryant, TAM vs. PHI, 10/22

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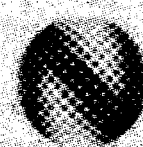
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## Movie Review

### Dreadful Look at the Future or Just a Warning?

By Stefani Rubino  
Variety Editor

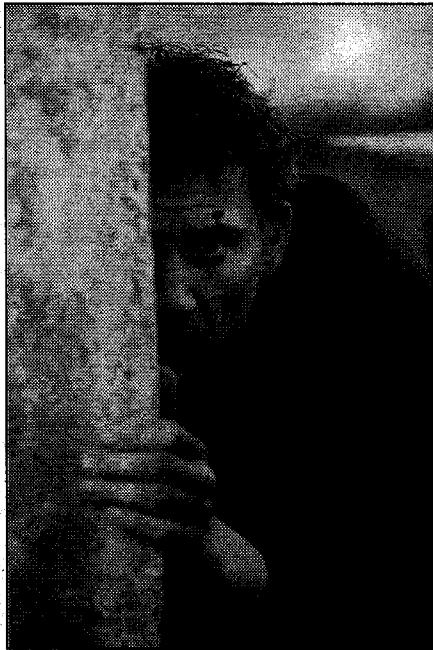
For most movies about the future, *Children of Men* seems slightly typical. The world is falling apart, authorities are one step away from becoming completely fascist (if they aren't already), and the sky constantly looks like it is on the brink of an apocalyptic meltdown. What makes *Children of Men* so unique is the reason why all of this is happening. No, there have been no nuclear wars and no, the world hadn't yet depleted all of its fossil fuels. What has happened is that women have become infertile and after 18 years of a world without the laughter of children, it has fallen apart.

It is twenty years into the future (making it 2027) where we meet Theo. Theo (Clive Owen) is a has-been political activist who, after his son dies and wife leaves him in 2007, just conforms and melts into society like the rest of the people in his miserable world. However, what Theo doesn't know is that his life is about to take a drastic turn. After the death of the world's youngest person, everybody is even more torn than they were before and Theo is forcefully summoned by his ex-wife (Julianne Moore) and her "Fishes" (the radical political group of the film) to help her accomplish an impossible task—get a pregnant young girl (named Kee) past everyone and onto a boat with the Human Project (who are "the world's greatest minds working toward a better tomorrow").

Although this is the only film I've seen with Owen in it, I have to say he really did a magnificent job portraying Theo. We watch him go from a bored, ready-and-waiting-to-die businessman to hero whose life actually becomes something worth-while and Owen was more than capable of playing this role. He is sarcastic, witty, and cynical but at the same time he's so caring, understanding, and, in many ways sad. Honestly, I'm so impressed with his acting in the film that I hope to see him in a dozen other ones in the future.

I guess the more surprising performance came from newcomer Claire-Hope Ashitey who played the pregnant, young girl Kee. This is only her second role in a film and only her first in a film as widely distributed as this was. Her girlish looks and teenage attitude definitely help bring the character alive. She plays a character who grew up in a world without children and who doesn't even know anything about having children. I've never seen somebody play naivety so well before.

I can't forget about the other two very amazing but unsurprising performances of the film, those of Michael Caine and Julianne Moore. Caine definitely brought a somewhat comedic edge to the film. He was sarcastic but without all the cynicism, which made him hysterical. Julianne Moore is amazing at portraying "women on a mission" and this film proves no differently. Although she's only in



"Theo (Clive Owen) hides from government officials."

it for a short amount of time, her performance leaves a lasting impact on the whole movie.

As for the scenery, well, it is of a pre-apocalyptic Great Britain. Buildings are being torn apart, there's graffiti everywhere, the streets are more like dirt paths, and there are cops, video cameras, and television screens everywhere. Like I said before, the sky always looks like it's about to rain or fall down and the people are constantly in a panic. There are bombs exploding here, there, and everywhere. It looks and feels real, as if you're there. It's almost scary how much this movie sucks you into it.

All-in-all I have to say that this was my favorite movie of the last half of 2006. It was brilliantly done, the script was incredible, and it really made you think afterwards. Although it was somewhat depressing, I really hope that more movies come along like this.



## News from Around the World

Compiled by Paul Saneaux

### Africa

**Sudanese Government, Darfur rebels agree to sponsored ceasefire**

According to Reuters, Sudanese government officials and Darfur rebels have "agreed to a 60-day and a peace summit sponsored by the African Union and the United Nations as steps toward stopping the violence in west Sudan." Sudanese officials have also decided to lift a two-month ban on visits by foreign journalists and to eliminate visa requirements for relief workers. Sudanese President Omar Hassan al-Bashir agreed to the ceasefire and the peace summit to be "held no later than March 15." The AU has attempted to reduce hostilities in the region but has been unsuccessful. Sudan's Khartoum "rejects a U.N. Security Council resolution authorizing 22,500 U.N. peacekeepers to take over the Darfur AU mission."

For more information, visit [www.reuters.com](http://www.reuters.com).

### North America

**Democrats in Congress challenge Bush Iraq plan**

The Bush administration attempted on Jan. 11 to convince the Democratic Congress that sending an additional 21,500 troops will solve the problems in Iraq. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and Defense Secretary Robert Gates "insisted to reporters that Bush's new plan will put more pressure on Iraqis to take over their own security." Democrats, wanting a "phased withdrawal" in four to six months" disapproved. Delaware Democratic Sen. Joe Biden, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee headed the opposition. "I believe the president's strategy is not a solution," said Biden. Gates said that the deployment of additional troops would be gradual and not all of troops may be sent.

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### Europe

**U.S. Embassy in Athens attacked by "leftists"**

According to CNN.com, "several senior U.S. State Department officials say the initial assessment of Friday's attack on the U.S. Embassy in Athens is that it was launched by 'locally grown leftists,' not al-Qaida nor another foreign element." The rocket hit the third floor of the building around 6 a.m. on Jan 12 and a group called the Revolutionary Struggle claimed responsibility for the attack. No one was killed or injured and "the only visible damage was a shattered window." The only suspect is an unidentified person who called the embassy to connect the RS with the attack. The connection has not been confirmed. The RS has called themselves "an heir of November 17," after the terrorist group named after a student uprising that took place in 1973.

For more information, visit [www.cnn.com](http://www.cnn.com).

## Volver

### More Than Just a Melodrama

By Stefani Rubino  
Variety Editor

Spanish-born director Pedro Almodóvar (*Bad Education*) is an unstoppable, incredible force, like a storm bursting right through the movie world. In his newest release, *Volver* (which means To Return), he explores the lives of three generations of Spanish women over the past twenty years. He explores their superstitions, devotion to the Church, their devotion to each other, and their terrible luck with men that they so intuitively blame on fate.

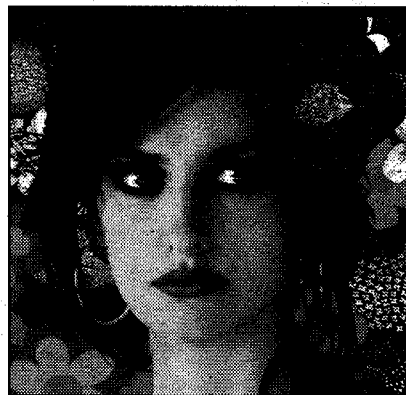
The story centers around one family, mainly four women: Raimunda, Sole, Paula, and Raimunda and Sole's mother, Irene. Raimunda and Sole believe to have lost their parents in a terrible fire at their childhood home four years ago, but what they don't know is that their mother survived and is now trying to set things straight with her children.

Penelope Cruz (*Vanilla Sky*, *Head in the Clouds*) plays Raimunda, a young

mother whose life in the big city of Madrid proves too busy for her family back in La Mancha. Cruz definitely shines in this role and this is probably the most incredible role of her acting career so far. She is caring, passionate, and completely cold-hearted when she has to be. Also, the most surprising thing about her role in the film was how funny she could be. I didn't expect her to be so witty.

Although the film is mostly centered around Raimunda's struggles, some surprising performances came from other Spanish-born actresses who are not so well known here in the states. Carmen Maura (Irene), Lola Duenas (Sole), and Yohana Cobo (Paula) give incredibly heartfelt performances and even though I've never seen any of their films, I'm sure they're just as great. I really hope to see more of them in films that will be released in the U.S. in the future.

The real story here is that of



Almodóvar. He wrote and directed this film and although it may lack the suspense of some of his other movies, it's still an incredible accomplishment for him. The film was perfectly written with just the right amount of despair, wit, and humor and the direction is flawless, each character is perfectly on cue. Besides *Bad Education*, this is my favorite film from him, and I can't wait to see what's up his sleeves.

This is a movie for everyone; it has heart, pain, humor, and everything else anybody could ever want in a good melodrama. And even though I'm not a huge fan of the melodrama genre, this movie kept me entertained and left me wanting more. Anyone who runs out to see this will love it just as much as I did.

# Winter Movie Wrap Up

By Stefani Rubino  
Variety Editor

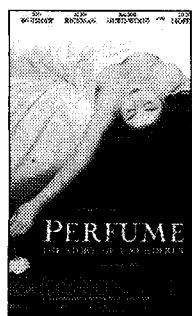


**The History Boys**  
**Written:** Alan Bennett  
**Directed:** Nicholas Hynter  
**Starring:** Richard Griffiths and Frances De La Tour

Adapted from the stage, this story is based around an unconventional teacher (Richard Griffiths) and his fellow coworkers' focus on a group of teenage boys at an early 1980's British grammar school applying for acceptance into the region's best schools, Oxford and Cambridge. The teachers try to prepare the boys for the grueling entrance exams in the near future while the boys focus on improving their sex lives and having fun.

This is an extremely fun and entertaining film for anybody to watch. The acting is impeccable and the film still has as much heart as the Broadway version. It's great for anybody looking to fall in love with, feel for, and laugh with the characters.

**Perfume: The Story of a Murderer**  
**Written:** Andrew Birkin and Bernd Eichinger  
**Directed:** Tom Tykwer  
**Starring:** Ben Whishaw and Dustin Hoffman



From the book of the same name, the story centers around a young man, Jean-Baptiste Grenouille (Ben Whishaw), born into unfortunate circumstances in 18th Century France. He has an incredible

sense of smell. With it, he becomes an apprentice to a once famous but fading perfume maker, Guiseppe Baldini (Dustin Hoffman), who's in desperate need of a product makeover. He knows the smells of almost every object until one day he gets a whiff of something he's never smelt before, that of a young virgin girl.

Obsessed with capturing the scent, Grenouille starts out on his journey which takes him to Italy and back to France again in a desperate attempt to create the perfect scent. Although the film is well done and story is incredibly interesting, the drama is a bit overdone and the massive orgy scene at the end doesn't help very much either.



**The Good Shepherd**  
**Written:** Eric Roth  
**Directed:** Robert De Niro  
**Starring:** Matt Damon and Angelina Jolie

This story about the birth of the CIA (Central Intelligence Agency), centers around an extremely ethical Yale graduate and member of the Office of Strategic Services (the thing that came before the CIA) named Edward Wilson (Matt Damon). As Wilson gets more and more involved with the group, his ideals and ethics slowly start to change and his paranoia begins to get the best of him. As he begins to suspect even his closest family members like his wife (Angelina Jolie), his life starts to slowly take a turn for the worst.

Honestly, the movie kept me on my seat the entire time and I absolutely loved it. It's very similar to the suspense of *A Beautiful Mind* and just as pleasing at the end.

By Paul Saneaux  
Managing Editor

**Night at the Museum**  
**Written:** Ben Garant, Thomas Lennon  
**Directed:** Shawn Levy  
**Starring:** Ben Stiller, Owen Wilson, Robin Williams

I have seen very few movies that are both entertaining and educational, but *Night at the Museum* is definitely counted among them. The premise of this film is basic: Larry Daley (Stiller) is a dad that has some trouble finding a steady job until he happens to fall upon that seems boring: the night guard at the Museum of Natural History. The kicker is that all of the exhibits come to life at night and he must prevent them from escaping. The downbeat dad thing has been done to death but once the wax statues and miniatures come to life the film takes a surprising and funny turn.

While this movie features some well-known actors, Stiller, Wilson, and Williams really take up most of screen-time with amusing dialogue and slapstick. Stiller does not stray far from his usual roles and his performance is comparable to that found in *Meet the Parents*. Wilson remains the same also, but it is with the addition of Williams' wit that the combination differs. The comedy stays fresh throughout and it is a good, but not great, comedy.

**Tenacious D: Pick of Destiny**  
**Written:** Jack Black, Kyle Gass  
**Directed:** Liam Lynch  
**Starring:** Jack Black, Kyle Gass, Tim Robbins

Although this film is absolutely hilarious, I would have to say that it is more of a matter of preference. Like many fans of certain actors, people either like Jack Black or hate his guts. In my case, I like him, so I am necessarily predisposed to like anything that has to do with Tenacious D. This film caters to the Duo's fans:

it is the history of the band and their "rise to power."

The nitty gritty of the movie revolves around the band's quest for the Pick of Destiny, a guitar pick that endows its owner with the power to rock so hard it can literally blow someone's brains out. Yes, that's right. And that is a fine example of the type of humor found in POD. It is nonsensical, absurd, and completely Tenacious D. Tim Robbins and Ben Stiller also make memorable cameos. I am looking forward to this one on DVD.



**Apocalypto**  
**Written:** Mel Gibson, Farhad Safinia  
**Directed:** Mel Gibson  
**Starring:** Rudy Youngblood, Morris Birdyellowhead

*Apocalypto* is a true spectacle. That is as best as I could sum it up. This is what I consider the best film of 2006. Although much controversy has surrounded Mel Gibson recently because of some comments he made about Jewish people, that man can sure as hell make a great movie.

Everything about this film is done to near perfection. The acting is emotional, intense, and enthralling; the scenery is wonderful, brutal, and inspiring; and the excellent cinematography all come together to create a film nothing short of epic. Some have complained about the "gratuitous violence" in *Apocalypto*, but, hey, the Mayans (like many people anywhere and at any time) were sometimes gratuitously violent. The violence in no ways takes away from the film but helps to emphasize the theme of moral decay that led to the downfall of the Mayan civilization.

I saw this one twice in theaters. It was just that great.

## CES Brings Surprises to Consumer Electronics

By Greg Kyriakakis  
NSU News Editor

The annual Consumer Electronics Show, held last week in Las Vegas, featured new products announcements from high-tech corporations, most notably the unveiling of the long-rumored Apple iPhone. Other major announcements highlight the industry shift toward delivering high definition to consumers through a variety of means.

The technology blog Engadget.com reported that Apple's new device, which runs on the company's OS X operating system, will feature a widescreen touch display, two megapixel camera, WiFi, Bluetooth, and either four or eight gigabytes of storage. The phone's battery is expected to last for five hours while talking or watching video and 16 hours

for music playback. Of course, these features come with a steep price as the Cingular-exclusive phone will retail for either \$499 or \$599 with a two-year contract when it ships this June.

Apple has come under fire for use of the iPhone name, reported the Associated Press. After failing to reach a deal with Cisco Systems, which already owns the iPhone trademark, Apple used the moniker and is now being sued in federal court. Cisco recently released their iPhone, which enables users to place calls over the internet. An Apple spokesman responded by calling the lawsuit "silly."

Microsoft had some notable announcements of their own, including the unveiling of an IPTV service for the

Xbox 360 that allows for high-definition content, on-demand video, and time shifting capabilities. According to PC Magazine, the service will be available near the end of 2007 though specifics have not been announced.

The prospect of using the Xbox 360 as a video recorder has also sparked rumors that a new version of the console, complete with HDMI port and larger hard drive, would be released. During an interview at Gamespot.com, a Microsoft employee stated that the rumored new version was simply for "experimentation."

LG unveiled the first hybrid next generation high definition video player capable of accepting both the HD DVD and Blu-ray formats. This

player may appeal to those unwilling to purchase a high definition player since one format will likely prevail over the other. Techspot.com stated that having the luxury of both formats in one box will run consumers \$1199.

Wanting to do more than just show off new products, Michael Dell of Dell computers announced the "Plant a Tree for Me" initiative. The UK news Web site Unbeatable reported that \$2 of a laptop purchase and \$6 from a desktop purchase will fund the program that aims to offset carbon emissions generated by electricity use. Dell said that the program, beginning in February, will "empower our customers to participate with us in making a difference."





Paul Saneaux  
Managing Editor

Dear NSU Community,

Our Editor in Chief was out of town last week, so it was up to me, the Managing Editor, to provide the readers with some insights. Since I usually reveal the twisted inner workings of my mind in *The Fly on the Wall*, I try to keep them out of here in the only Editor's Note featuring me. Instead, what I want to concentrate on is the direction of *The Current*. We are changing.

While I believe our paper has become increasingly better over the last few years, it was expressed that *The Current* can become even better. So in that vein we have received new advisors with experience that will help direct us towards that goal—to provide members of the NSU community with more NSU related news and hard-hitting news. In that course, we also hope to become more professional.

Changes are usually gradual, however. What the readers will notice initially is a change in the layout and graphic design of the paper. Basically all of the news that is NSU related will be found in the sections near the front page. The new Variety section features all news that is not NSU related and will include stories that were originally found in *Nation and World* and *Arts and Entertainment*. Current Affairs will remain as usual and the NSU News section features the harder-hitting issues.

That is what will be apparent at first. During the course of the semester I hope that our readers will notice some increase in the overall quality, coverage, and range of articles.

With all that in mind, I would like our readership to give us some input. Has the paper become better or am I senile? Is it worth it to gain professionalism at the possible expense of a casual atmosphere that many have enjoyed? What type of stories should we be covering? Is change necessary? I guess the introduction of changes somewhat shocked me and so I welcome any input.

The first week was hectic and this issue is slim. For that, I apologize. Change is seldom easy. However, that is why I see the paper being better than in previous semesters: we are understaffed, under-equipped and not realistically capable of covering an entire university for those reasons. Nevertheless, we have persevered—and that, in my eyes, justifies my belief that we are in league with other great college papers that have a staff and budget three times that of ours.

*The Current* is not changing because it was lacking journalistically. It has the potential to become better.

Humbly,

**Paul Saneaux**

## A Fly on the Wall:

### Routinely Speaking

By Paul Saneaux  
Managing Editor

So welcome back and blah, blah, blah and all that good stuff. I hope everyone had a relaxing break, but its now time to get back to the daily grind. For that I am somewhat grateful. Winter break became boring after all the gifts were opened and I got tired of waking up at the crack of noon. My back could not tolerate the torture of 14 hours of sleep any longer.

It is a new year and the winter semester has several annual events that students generally look forward to. Like Homecoming, for example. Homecoming? Yes, there is one right. No one has really heard much news about that illustrious event, but it is definitely on the horizon. The most news I have received about it was at the last senate meeting that no student, other than Steven Reddy, bothered to attend. There was a meeting even though it received no PR either. The tailgate for the men's and women's basketball games on Jan.

10 didn't really receive publicity. And so, without further ado, I present last week's theme: communication. Again. Yes, its sad people. I am fully aware.

SGA Advisor Gary Gershman made it clear during the delightfully short meeting last week that one of the key issues was communication, or what I would say is the lack thereof. Gershman said he felt communication broke down over the winter break and I agree. He added that there needs to be more publicity about the meetings and events of the SGA and that he has only heard rumors and no solid details about Homecoming and again I agree. That explains the general no-show of students at the tailgate and the meeting.

With that said, a hefty chunk of details about the entire Homecoming week were revealed by VPL Hernan Rico. Although publicity for Homecoming should have begun well before Winter Break, students should begin seeing flyers and whatnot sometime this week. Red Carpet Affair Dance tickets will cost \$20 and the location is the Seminole Hard Rock Hotel and Casino. The price and the



location is the same as last year but it just in a different ballroom. It sounds like it will be better, also... mainly because there will be actual food and not just desserts. There will also be a DJ from Power 96 that Rico said will play a variety of music, not just hip hop and rap. Yay! It is looking good so far.

A senate meeting cannot be complete without some form of controversy however, right? That came when Commuter Senator Sara Gama said during open forum that she felt the SGA was misinformed about the spending of funds from the Senate Reserve Funds for bottled water labeled "NSUSGA." Apparently PR Director Sean Burque was able to get money for this without informing the senators nor the executive board. The amount was not revealed either and Rico said that issue was currently being resolved.

Oh yes, and Happy New Year.

## Space for Reflection

### A Time of Beginning

A new year. A new term. You may be starting new classes; you may be beginning a new job; you may be setting out with the sincere intention to keep your New Year's resolutions. It is a time of beginning.

Beginning times can be a little scary. We don't know all of what's to come in the year ahead and sometimes not knowing is more difficult and unsettling than being aware of an imminent challenge.

But beginning times are also full of promise and possibility. Each opportunity we have to begin again is a wonderfully hopeful time. We hope for success, for happiness, for progress—whatever progress means for us individually. A friend from NSU shared with me this week a message about the hopefulness of beginning times. It is a quotation by Ming Dao-Deng from his book "365 Tao – Daily Meditations." When he sent the message, my friend said "I believe this message can

be well applied to many religious or spiritual traditions." I pass it along in the hopes that you'll find it inspiring.

In the words of Ming Dao-Deng: "This is the moment of embarking. All auspicious signs are in place. In the beginning, all things are hopeful. We prepare ourselves to start anew. Though we may be intent on the magnificent journey ahead, all things are contained in this first moment: our optimism, our faith, our resolution, our innocence."

"In order to start, we must make a decision. This decision is a commitment to daily self-cultivation. We must make a strong connection to our inner selves. Outside matters are superfluous. Alone and naked, we negotiate all of life's travails. Therefore, we alone must make something of ourselves, transforming ourselves into the instruments for experiencing the deepest spiritual essence of life."

"Once we make our decision, all things will come to us. Auspicious signs are not a superstition, but a

confirmation. They are a response. It is said that if one chooses to pray to a rock with enough devotion, even that rock will come alive. In the same way, once we choose to commit ourselves to spiritual practice, even the mountains and valleys will reverberate to the sound of our purpose."

Whatever our faith tradition or spiritual perspective, making the decision to commit to daily cultivation and to connecting with our inner selves is sure to lead to positive transformation. In the year ahead, in the term ahead, I encourage you to watch for auspicious signs. Those wonderful and surprising moments of the coming-together of things are the confirmation that you are on the right track in fulfilling your unique purpose.

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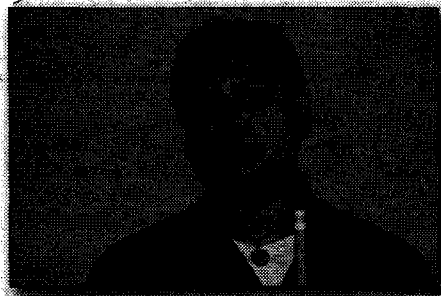
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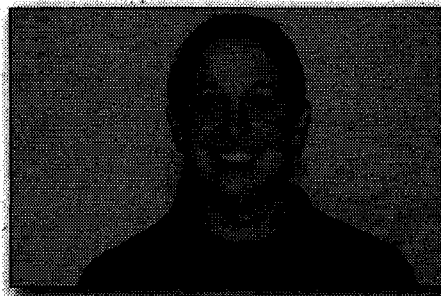
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Junior  
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Criminal Justice  
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**Jim Sinkewich**  
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"I like it but I wish he would have painted the wall instead of the wallpaper."



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**Vanessa Perez**  
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Freshman  
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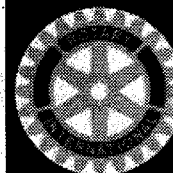
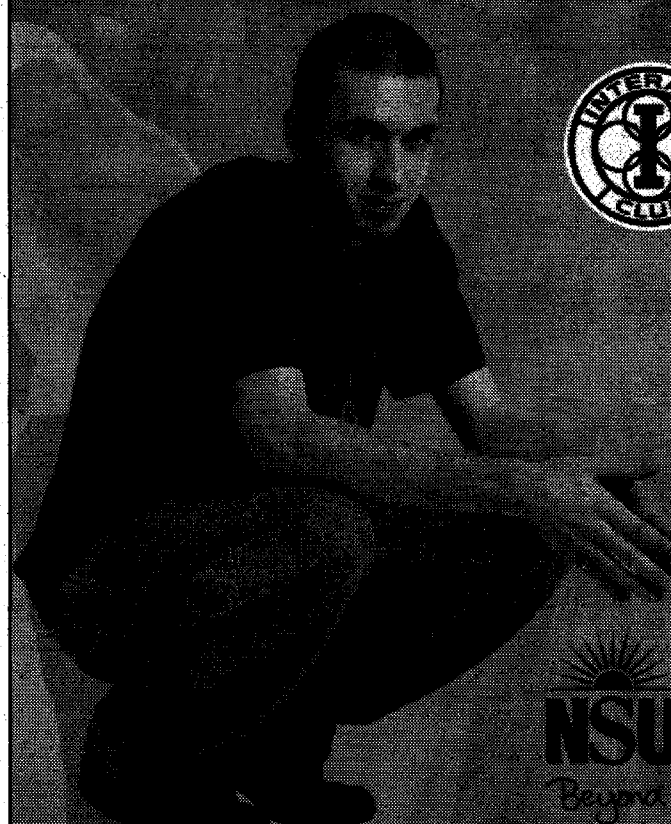
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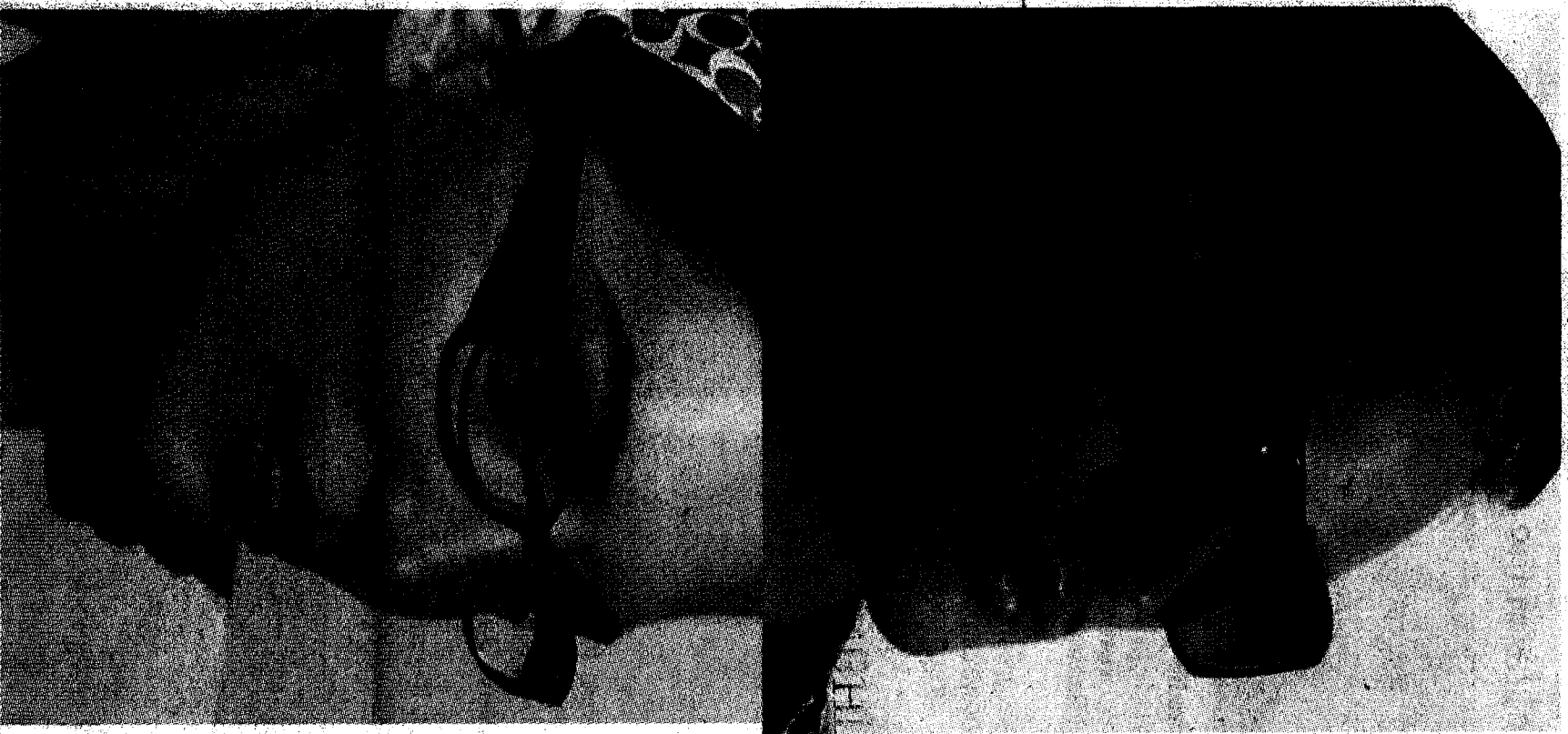
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For more information, please contact Terrell Manyak at  
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